

## **SILT FENCE WATTLE BREAK:**

### **Description**

Silt Fence Wattle Breaks are tubular products consisting of excelsior fibers encased in synthetic netting and used in conjunction with Temporary Silt Fence at toe of fills to intercept runoff. Silt Fence Wattle Breaks are to be placed at locations shown on the plans or as directed. Installation shall follow the detail provided in the plans and as directed. Work includes furnishing materials, installation, maintenance and removing Silt Fence Wattle Breaks.

### **Materials**

Wattle shall meet the following specifications:

100% Curled Wood (Excelsior) Fibers	
Minimum Diameter	12 in.
Minimum Length	10 ft.
Minimum Density	2.5 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> +/- 10%
Net Material	Synthetic
Net Openings	1 in. x 1 in.
Net Configuration	Totally Encased
Minimum Weight	20 lb. +/- 10% per 10 ft. length

Anchors: Stakes shall be used as anchors.

#### **Wooden Stakes:**

Provide hardwood stakes a minimum of 2-ft. long with a 2 in. x 2 in. nominal square cross section. One end of the stake must be sharpened or beveled to facilitate driving down into the underlying soil.

Provide staples made of 0.125" diameter new steel wire formed into a *u* shape not less than 12" in length with a throat of 1" in width.

### **Construction Methods**

A trench shall be excavated the entire length of the wattle with a depth of 1 to 2 inches for the wattle to be placed. Silt Fence Wattle Breaks shall be secured to the soil by wire staples approximately every 1 linear foot and at the end of each wattle. A minimum of 4 stakes shall be installed on the downslope side of the wattle with a maximum spacing of 2 linear feet, and according to the detail. Install a minimum of 2 stakes on the upslope side of the Silt Fence Wattle Break according to the detail provided in the plans. Stakes shall be driven into the ground a minimum of 10 in. with no more than 2 in. projecting from the top of the wattle. Drive stakes at an angle according to the detail provided in the plans.

Install Temporary Silt Fence in accordance with section 1605 of the Standard Specifications and overlap each downslope side of Silt Fence Wattle Break by 6 inches.

The Contractor shall maintain the Silt Fence Wattle Breaks until the project is accepted or until the Silt Fence Wattle Breaks are removed, and shall remove and dispose of silt accumulations at the Silt Fence Wattle Breaks when so directed in accordance with the requirements of Section 1630 of the *Standard Specifications*.

### **Measurement and Payment**

*Silt Fence Wattle Break* will be measured and paid for by the actual number of linear feet of Silt Fence Wattle Breaks which are installed and accepted. Such price and payment will be full compensation for all work covered by this section, including, but not limited to, furnishing all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to install the *Silt Fence Wattle Break*.

Payment will be made under:

#### **Pay Item**

Wattle

#### **Pay Unit**

Linear Foot